

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A mobile terminal, comprising:
a control unit;
a display unit;
an upper housing;
a lower housing; and
a 2-axis hinge unit for coupling the housings;
wherein ~~a part~~ an end portion of said 2-axis hinge unit is exposed outside the terminal, and an information input device is mounted in ~~the exposed~~ said end portion; and
wherein the information input device is a pointing device.
2. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the control unit controls the terminal according to an operation of the information input device.
3. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the control unit assigns a predetermined function to the information input device.
4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the control unit assigns another operating function to the pointing device.

6. (previously presented) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the information input device further comprises a terminal operating function.

7. (original) The terminal according to claim 6, wherein the terminal operating function is performed by a press.

8. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the information input device is a fingerprint sensor.

9. (original) The terminal according to claim 8, wherein the control unit can operate the terminal when the fingerprint sensor detects a predetermined input.

10. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, further comprising position detection means for detecting relative positions between the upper housing and the lower housing.

11. (original) The terminal according to claim 10, wherein the control unit controls the terminal based on an output of the position detection means.

12. (original) The terminal according to claim 11, wherein the control unit controls an operation of the information input device.

13. (original) The terminal according to claim 10, wherein the position detection means comprise a magnet and a magnetic sensor.

14. (original) The terminal according to claim 13, wherein the magnet and the magnetic sensor are arranged in separate housings.

15. (original) The terminal according to claim 13, wherein the magnetic sensor is a Hall element.

16. (original) The terminal according to claim 10, wherein the position detection means detect a turning direction of the housings.

17. (original) The terminal according to claim 16, wherein the control unit controls the display unit based on the turning direction of the housings.

18. (original) The terminal according to claim 2, wherein the control unit detects an operation of a predetermined operation key to control an operation of the information input device.

19. (original) The terminal according to claim 18, wherein the control unit controls an operation of the information input device while a predetermined operation key is operated.

20. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, comprising a lock unit for locking said 2-axis hinge unit.

21. (original) The terminal according to claim 20, wherein the lock unit is controlled by an input from the information input device.

22. (original) The terminal according to claim 21, wherein the information input device is a personal authentication sensor; and

the lock unit is released when the sensor detects a predetermined input.

23. (original) The terminal according to claim 22, wherein the personal authentication sensor is a fingerprint sensor.

24. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein the terminal is a mobile telephone.

25. (currently amended) The mobile terminal of claim 1, wherein the two axes of the 2-axis hinge are a folding axis and a horizontal rotation axis, the upper housing, the lower housing, and the 2-axis hinge being constructed and arranged so that ~~an~~ said end ~~face~~ portion of the 2-axis hinge on the horizontal rotation axis is exposed to an outside of the mobile terminal both when the mobile terminal is in an open position and when the mobile terminal is in a closed position.

26. (currently amended) The mobile terminal of claim 25, wherein ~~the~~ said end ~~face~~ portion is exposed on a side face of the lower housing.

27. (currently amended) The mobile terminal of claim 26, wherein the pointing device is arranged on ~~the~~ said end ~~face~~ portion of the 2-axis hinge.

28. (currently amended) A mobile terminal, comprising:
a lower housing;
a 2-axis hinge the connected to the lower housing;
an upper housing connected to the 2-axis hinge;
a display unit disposed on the upper housing;
a control unit; and
a button operatively connected to the control unit for
user input;

wherein ~~a-part~~ an end portion of said 2-axis hinge unit is exposed outside the terminal, and the button is mounted in ~~the~~ exposed said end portion.